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NOTHING TO REPORT

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12/17/12

SCHOOL SHOOTING-SECURITY

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FL

PKG 2:20

There's a new challenge facing schoolteachers across the country today -- as they face nervous and frightened students, looking for reassurance and answers following Friday's shooting that left 20 children dead at a Connecticut elementary school. In Connecticut, state education officials are providing schools around the state with written guidance to help classroom teachers address the shooting in Newtown with their students. One history teacher in Florida says, "It's going to be a tough day." The superintendent of a Minnesota school district says a mental health consultant will meet with school officials today. Many schools will hold a moment of silence today, and will fly flags at half-staff. School administrators have pledged to add police patrols, review security plans and make guidance counselors available.

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12/18/12

GUN LEGISLATION

MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2.19

Spurred by a horrific elementary school shooting, President Barack Obama vowed to send Congress new policy proposals for reducing gun violence by January. He tasked Vice President Joe Biden with leading an administration-wide effort to create the new recommendations and pledged to push for their implementation without delay. The president, who exerted little political capital on gun control despite a series of mass shootings in his first term, bristled at suggestions that he had been silent on the issue during his first four years in office. But he acknowledged that Friday's deadly shooting had been "a wake-up call for all of us." Twenty children and six adults were killed when a man carrying a military-style rifle stormed Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn., Friday morning.

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12/19/12

OBAMA GUN LEGISLATION

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:15

President Barack Obama is launching an administration-wide effort to curb gun violence, underscoring the growing political consensus over tightening gun restrictions following the horrific massacre at a Connecticut elementary school. Obama is tasking Vice President Joe Biden, a longtime gun control advocate, with spearheading the effort. In remarks from the White House on Wednesday, Obama will outline a process for pursuing policy changes following the school shooting, though he is not expected to call for specific measures.

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12/20/12

US WINTER STORM

VO: 40 SECS.

The first widespread snowstorm of the season crawled across the Midwest on Thursday, with whiteout conditions stranding holiday travelers and sending drivers sliding over slick roads -- including into a fatal 25-vehicle pileup in Iowa. The storm, which dumped a foot of snow in parts of Iowa and Wisconsin, was part of a system that began in the Rockies earlier in the week before trekking into the Midwest. It was

expected to move across the Great Lakes overnight before moving into Canada. The storm led airlines to cancel about 1,000 flights ahead of the Christmas holiday -- relatively few compared to past big storms, though the number was climbing. On the southern edge of the system, tornadoes destroyed several homes in Arkansas and peeled the roofs from buildings, toppled trucks and blew down oak trees and limbs Alabama.

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12/21/12

NRA ANNOUNCEMENT

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2.33

In washington the national rifle association spoke to the media today with a new message and a prescription to curb gun violence in america. the nra leader had barely begun when protesters blamed the powerful lobby for the nation's epidemic of gun violence. but the nra was defiant. after remaining silent in the wake of the worst elementary school shooting in the nation's history wayne lapierre was on the attack blaming othersfor the recent carnage.

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12/22/12

GUN CONTROL IN USA

GALO ARELLANO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:58

The last of the sandy hook elementary school shooting victims will be buried today and as the community begins to focus on healing, the debate on how to prevent the terrible tragedy from happening again is heating up. As the last of the Newtown School shooting victims are buried today a renewed debate about gun control has heated back up. Late friday New Jersey Gov Chris Christie came out against posting armed guards in schools. The gov was responding to the national rifle association's proposal to create a program that would train volunteers on gun use to guard schools nationwide. and as executive vice president of the n-r-a wayne lapierre says the best way to ensure safety for our children is to have qualified armed security.

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12/23/12

HOLIDAY SHOPPING PROBLEMS

VO 39 SECS

Last-minute shoppers crowded into malls and stores during the last weekend before Christmas, but many didn't seem to be in the spirit of spending. This holiday season, Americans have a lot on their minds: the Superstorm Sandy cleanup in November in the Northeast, the recent Newtown, Conn., school shooting and the fast approaching "fiscal cliff" deadline. They have resulted in a muted approach to holiday shopping -- bad news for retailers, which can make up to 40 percent of annual sales during November and December and are counting on the last weekend before Christmas for last-minute sales. To entice shoppers, retailers large and small have expanded hours and stepped up promotions. Some are staying open around the clock, and others are adding additional price cuts to already discounted merchandise.

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12/24/12

CHRISTMAS EVE WEATHER

JORGE VIERA / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:42

The storm system that pounded the West Coast Sunday continued to move eastward and brought significant snowfall to portions of the Intermountain West Monday. Some areas saw up to a foot of snow. The southern end of the system 1/4's cold front supported rain showers over southern California. Moving to the East, a low pressure system brought widespread showers and thunderstorms from Mid-Atlantic and Ohio Valley southwestward across the Tennessee Valley and portions of the Southeast. Elsewhere, scattered snow showers continued over the Great Lakes region. Temperature wise, the coldest region was over the Northern Plains, where highs were only in the teens and single digits. These readings were 25 to 35 degrees below normals. On the other hand, the warmest regions were in southern Texas and southern Florida, where afternoon temperatures rose into the upper 70s and 80s. Temperatures in the Lower 48 states Monday have ranged from a morning low of -18 degrees at Hazen, N.D. to a midday high of 84 degrees at Corpus Christi, Texas

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12/25/12

HEALTH CARE TAXES

VO: 25 SECS

No matter what happens with the "fiscal cliff," new taxes are coming on the first of January to help finance President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. They will affect people who make a lot of money, and the health care industry. But there will be a much bigger impact if Congress decides to start taxing employer-sponsored health insurance. And that is one option that is in play if lawmakers can agree on a deal to reduce future deficits.

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12/26/12

SECRET BOY SCOUT SEX ABUSE CLAIMS POSTED ONLINE

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1.55

Thousands of previously unpublished Boy Scouts of America files that detail suspected sexual abuse by employees and volunteers have been posted online. The Los Angeles Times controller published the database containing redacted victims' names on Tuesday, including material that was released earlier by an Oregon Supreme Court judge's ruling. The names of the alleged abusers including doctors, teachers, priests are included. The newspaper's heavily pocked database map depicts alleged incidents of abuse that affected, or in some way connected to, Scouts in every state in the nation, as well as South America, Europe, Africa and Asia. The Boy Scouts kept the files for internal use for nearly a century and have said they've improved youth protection policies. The group has conducted criminal background checks on volunteers since 2008. In 2010, the organization mandated any suspected abuse be reported to police. In an analysis of the records, the Times found that reports increased over time, which may be the result of greater awareness of child sexual abuse. The reports are not believed to account for all abuse, because the Scouts say an unknown number of files were destroyed over the years and not all victims report crime.

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12/27/12

IOWA NOT ISSUE DRIVER'S LICENSES TO DREAMERS

VO: :23

The state of Iowa will not issue driver's licenses to young immigrants living without legal authority in the country and have permission to work under the Deferred Action Program created by the administration of President Barack Obama announced on Thursday transportation authorities. President Barack Obama in June announced a change in policy so that young immigrants without legal permission residing in the country can apply for temporary permission to work if they were brought by their parents as children. Also known as "dreamers".

SECURE COMMUNITIES

LUIS MEGID. SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:57

Office of immigration and customs begin 2013 with one of its most controversial, and reforming other ...federal agency no longer operate allow local police as immigration agents, and reduce the number of immigrants deportable considers through the "secure communities"

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12/28/12

FISCAL CLIFF

VIVIANA AVILA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

U.S. congressional leaders pledged to keep working on solutions to avert the year-end tax hikes and spending cuts that would come into force if the so-called fiscal cliff is not averted, but details were yet to

be decided after a meeting with President Barack Obama at the White House on Friday.

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12/29/12

VIRUS EPIDEMIC AT CRUISES

GALO ARELLANO PKG

PKG 2:00

Strange virus is causing panic among cruise passengersNorovirus causes about 20 million gastroenteritis cases each year in the United States. There's no vaccine to prevent infection and no drug to treat it. Wash your hands often and follow simple tips to stay healthy.

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12/30/12

FISCAL CLIFF LAST MINUTE DEBATE

VIVIANA AVILA, PKG 2:00 MIN.

Senate Republicans and Democrats remain far apart in their effort to avert a year-end combination of spending cuts and tax increases that could trigger a new recession, Majority Leader Harry Reid said Sunday.

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12/31/12

FISCAL CLIFF DATELINE

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:55 & LIVER

Agonizingly close to a New Year's Eve compromise, the White House and congressional Republicans agreed Monday to block across-the-board tax increases set for midnight, but held up a final deal as they haggled away the final hours of 2012 in a dispute over spending cuts.

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